

## **Clinical or Community Partnerships**

### **Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi BSN**

*Worksource, Corpus Christi, TX*

This was a community agency (Worksource)/university partnership. The agency supplied money for a faculty salary for two years in order to increase the capacity of the BSN program. It allowed the university to increase the undergraduate pre-licensure acceptance by twenty students. Requirements were presentation to the board and end of year reports. The university picked up the benefits for the faculty member. Worksource approached the university to apply for funding of a new faculty member and the application was completed. Reports to the Worksource board have been successful and this will most likely be an ongoing partnership.

**Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:** \$16,000

**Grant monies used:** yes, Worksource

**Expected benefits from partnership:**

- increased community awareness regarding nursing and the nursing shortage
- expanded program
- pre-license admission up to 100 students
- RN/BSN has increased by 30 students and the MSN program has added 25 more students

**Challenges from partnership:**

- expectation that more faculty salaries are supported by outside sources, which has been very difficult in South Texas

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### **Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi BSN**

*Texas A&M University, Health Science Center, College Station, TX*

The program is a collaborative educational program, a distance educational BSN program. The Health Science Center in College Station is the only HSC in Texas without a nursing program. Texas A&M - CC provides their pre-licensure program to twenty post baccalaureate students who complete the compressed program in two years. The faculty, consisting of five faculty at College Station, are paid for by the HSC and ad-loc to Texas A&M - CC as faculty to assist in providing the program. The courses are taught on-site, via web and interactive television. Two of the clinicals, pediatrics and psychiatric nursing, are provided outside of the College Station area. In 2008 the HSC College of Nursing will admit their first class of generic students, as well as post baccalaureate students.

**Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:** \$100,000

**Grant monies used:** no

**Expected benefits from partnership:**

- relationships developed within the College Station area as well as the HSC and their department
- pride in the development of another College of Nursing  
coached and helped develop the faculty hired in CS

**Challenges from partnership:**

- lack of clinical spaces for pediatrics and psychiatric nursing within Bryan/College Station
- difficulty of finding PhD prepared nurses in the area
- distance sometimes causes difficulty

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## **Partnerships with Other Nursing Programs**

### **Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi BSN**

*Del Mar College*

The partnership involves eLine (electronic learning in nursing education), a collaborative agreement with Del Mar College in Corpus Christi. Students can earn a BSN or ADN depending on their goals. The eLine project is a self-paced, modular, competency-based curriculum formulated to decrease the nursing shortage by increasing access to nursing curriculum anytime, anywhere, as students no longer have to be in the classroom.

The clinical portion of the curriculum is based on a preceptor/student model. In this model, students work one-on-one with preceptors in hospitals to accomplish their objectives. Preceptors receive an online orientation to learn about the preceptor role and responsibilities and are able to earn 10 CEUs. There are objectives and skills lists in place to help the preceptor with assignments for the student. Faculty at the university grade all paper work, such as nursing care plans. The hospitals who are participants in eLine throughout the state have had very positive comments about the experience and many are planning to hire these students upon graduation.

#### **Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:**

1.6 million, maintaining per year \$400,000

**Grant monies used:** yes, 1.2 million FIPSE LAPP grant

#### **Expected benefits from partnership:**

- allows entry into the nursing profession through an alternate route, thus allowing students to progress at their own timeline
- students who choose the ADN track can transition into the BSN modules seamlessly

#### **Challenges from partnership:**

- faculty demands have increased, as many faculty are participating in overload assignment with both eLine and traditional instruction
- maintaining updates and curriculum changes
- locating preceptors at hospitals around the state. Many facilities have stated that they are already inundated with students from other nursing programs. Some rural hospitals have participated.
- may be difficult to find a masters prepared nurse to supervise the preceptor placement and oversee the clinical experience

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